

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An absorbent article comprising:

- a selectively-permeable topsheet;
- a substantially impermeable backsheet; and
- an absorbent core disposed between said selectively-permeable topsheet and said substantially impermeable backsheet;

wherein the selectively-permeable topsheet comprises at least one treated hydrophilic zone comprising a skin-wellness substance, and at least one non-treated hydrophobic zone,

wherein only a portion of a surface of said top sheet defined by an area that corresponds to a predetermined insult point is hydrophilic and at least a portion of said surface of the top sheet is hydrophobic.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): The absorbent article of ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the skin-wellness substance is any substance effective or perceived as being effective in providing skin protection, skin care, skin improvement, or any combination thereof.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The absorbent article of ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the skin-wellness substance is selected from the group consisting of Aloe (aloe barbadensis), Bisabolol, Calendula Officinalis, Canadian Balsam (Abies balsamea), Cocoa Butter (Theobroma Cacao seed butter), Eucalyptus leaf oil (Eucalyptus globulus), German chamomile (Matricaria recutica), Gorgonian extract (Pseudotergoria elisabethae), Jojoba, Lanolin, Lavandin (Lavandula X intermedia), Lemon balm (Melissa officinalis), Rosemary (Rosmarinus officinalis), Spike lavender (Lavandula latifolia), Tea tree

(Melaleuca alternifolia), True Lavender (Lavandula angustifolia), Vitamin E, Vitamin E-acetate, Witch Hazel (Hamamelis Virginiana) and combinations thereof.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The absorbent article of ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the skin-wellness substance is Aloe.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The absorbent article of ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the skin-wellness substance is Vitamin E.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The absorbent article of ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the skin-wellness substance is Cocoa Butter.

Claim 9 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone comprises a surfactant and a skin wellness substance.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone is defined by an area that corresponds to a plurality of insult points.

Claim 11 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone forms a shaped pattern or plurality of shaped patterns on the selectively-permeable topsheet to substantially correspond to an insult point or plurality of predetermined insult points.

Claim 12 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic zone is positioned centrally in the transverse direction on the selectively-permeable topsheet.

Claim 13 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone is an approximately oval shaped area of about 118 mm to about 144 mm in width at the widest portion and about 260 mm to about 407 mm in length at the longest portion.

Claim 14 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the forward most point of the hydrophilic zone is about 0 mm to about 20 mm from the front edge of the absorbent core and the rear most point of the hydrophilic zone is about 0 mm to about 20 mm from the back edge of the absorbent core.

Claim 15 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone corresponds to a male insult point or range of male insult points on said selectively-permeable topsheet.

Claim 16 (original): The absorbent article of claim 15, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone is positioned centrally in the transverse direction and the forward most point on the hydrophilic zone is about 0 mm to about 35 mm from the front edge of the absorbent core.

Claim 17 (original): The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone corresponds to a female insult point or range of female insult points on said selectively-permeable topsheet.

Claim 18 (original): The absorbent article of claim 17, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone is positioned centrally in the transverse direction and the forward most point on the hydrophilic zone is about 35 mm to about 55 mm from the front edge of the absorbent core and the rear most point of the hydrophilic zone.

Claim 19 (currently amended): An absorbent article comprising:
a selectively-permeable topsheet;
a substantially impermeable backsheet; and
an absorbent core disposed between said selectively-permeable topsheet and said substantially impermeable backsheet;
wherein the selectively-permeable topsheet comprises at least one treated hydrophilic zone and at least one non-treated hydrophobic zone, said treated hydrophilic zone comprising a ~~surfactant~~ and a skin wellness ingredient;

wherein only a portion of a surface of said top sheet is hydrophilic and ~~at least~~ a portion of said surface of the top sheet is hydrophobic;

wherein the treated hydrophilic zone is defined by an area that corresponds to a predetermined insult point or a plurality of insult points;

wherein the treated hydrophilic zone is an approximately oval shaped area of about 118 mm to about 144 mm in width at the widest portion and about 260 mm to about 407 mm in length at the longest portion; and

wherein the forward most point of the hydrophilic zone is about 0 mm to about 20 mm from the front edge of the absorbent core and the rear most point of the hydrophilic zone is about 0 mm to about 20 mm from the back edge of the absorbent core.

Claim 20 (original): The absorbent article of claim 19, wherein the skin-wellness substance is selected from the group consisting of Aloe (aloe barbadensis), Bisabolol, Calendula Officinalis, Canadian Balsam (Abies balsamea), Cocoa Butter (Theobroma Cacao seed butter), Eucalyptus leaf oil (Eucalyptus globulus), German chamomile (Matricaria recutita), Gorgonian extract (Pseudotergoria elisabethae), Jojoba, Lanolin, Lavandin (Lavandula X intermedia), Lemon balm (Melissa officinalis), Rosemary (Rosmarinus officinalis), Spike lavender (Lavandula latifolia), Tea tree (Melaleuca alternifolia), True Lavender (Lavandula angustifolia), Vitamin E, Vitamin E-acetate, Witch Hazel (Hamamelis Virginiana) and combinations thereof.

Claim 21 (original): The absorbent article of claim 19, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone forms a shaped pattern or plurality of shaped patterns on the selectively-permeable topsheet.

Claim 22 (original): The absorbent article of claim 19, wherein the hydrophilic zone is positioned centrally in the transverse direction on the selectively-permeable topsheet.

Claim 23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (original): The absorbent article of claim 19, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone corresponds to a male insult point or range of male insult points on said selectively-permeable topsheet.

Claim 26 (original): The absorbent article of claim 25, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone is positioned centrally in the transverse direction and the forward most point on the hydrophilic zone is about 0 mm to about 35 mm from the front edge of the absorbent core.

Claim 27 (original): The absorbent article of claim 19, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone corresponds to a female insult point or range of female insult points on said selectively-permeable topsheet.

Claim 28 (original): The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone is positioned centrally in the transverse direction and the forward most point on the hydrophilic zone is about 35 mm to about 55 mm from the front edge of the absorbent core.

Claim 29 (currently amended): An absorbent article comprising:

- a front and a rear waist portion cooperating to form a waist opening;

- a crotch region formed between said front waist portion and said rear waist portion;

- a pair of leg openings on opposed sides of the crotch region; and

- a selectively-permeable topsheet, a substantially impermeable backsheet, and an absorbent core positioned between said selectively-permeable topsheet and said backsheet;

wherein only a portion of a surface of said topsheet defined by an area that corresponds to a predetermined insult point or plurality of a insult points at the crotch region is hydrophilic, and at least one non-treated zone is hydrophobic ~~zone is hydrophilic~~, said treated hydrophilic area comprising a skin wellness ingredient;

wherein the treated hydrophilic zone is an approximately oval shaped area of about 118 mm to about 144 mm in width at the widest portion and about 260 mm to about 407 mm in length at the longest portion; and

wherein the forward most point of the hydrophilic zone is about 0 mm to about 20 mm from the front edge of the absorbent core and the rear most point of the hydrophilic zone is about 0 mm to about 20 mm from the back edge of the absorbent core.

Claim 30 (original): The absorbent garment of claim 29, further comprising a first leg gather and a second leg gather.

Claim 31 (original): The absorbent garment of claim 29, wherein the hydrophilic zone is located on the selectively-permeable topsheet in an area between the first leg gather and the second leg gather.

Claim 32 (original): The absorbent garment of claim 31, wherein the hydrophilic zone is centrally located in the transverse direction between the first leg gather and the second leg gather.

Claim 33 (currently amended): A method for preparing an absorbent article comprising:
disposing a skin-wellness composition on only a portion of at least one surface of a nonwoven at one or more predetermined areas corresponding to an insult point or plurality of insult points to form a selectively-permeable topsheet having a treated hydrophilic zone or plurality of treated hydrophilic zones corresponding to the one or more predetermined areas on said at least one surface of said nonwoven, said nonwoven being inherently hydrophobic and comprising fibers or film;

wherein at least one portion of the at least one surface of the nonwoven is hydrophobic;

wherein the treated hydrophilic zone is an approximately oval shaped area of about 118 mm to about 144 mm in width at the widest portion and about 260 mm to about 407 mm in length at the longest portion; and

wherein the forward most point of the hydrophilic zone is about 0 mm to about 20 mm from the front edge of the absorbent core and the rear most point of the hydrophilic zone is about 0 mm to about 20 mm from the back edge of the absorbent core.

Claim 34 (canceled)

Claim 35 (canceled)

Claim 36 (currently amended): The method of ~~claim 35~~ claim 33, wherein the skin-wellness substance is any substance effective or perceived as being effective in providing skin protection, skin care, skin improvement, or any combination thereof.

Claim 37 (currently amended): The method of ~~claim 35~~ claim 33, wherein the skin-wellness substance is selected from the group consisting of Aloe (aloe barbadensis), Bisabolol, Calendula Officinalis, Canadian Balsam (Abies balsamea), Cocoa Butter (Theobroma Cacao seed butter), Eucalyptus leaf oil (Eucalyptus globulus), German chamomile (Matricaria recutita), Gorgonian extract (Pseudotergoria elisabethae), Jojoba, Lanolin, Lavandin (Lavandula X intermedia), Lemon balm (Melissa officinalis), Rosemary (Rosmarinus officinalis), Spike lavender (Lavandula latifolia), Tea tree (Melaleuca alternifolia), True Lavender (Lavandula angustifolia), Vitamin E, Vitamin E-acetate, Witch Hazel (Hamamelis Virginiana) and combinations thereof.

Claim 38 (currently amended): The method of ~~claim 35~~ claim 33, wherein the skin-wellness substance is Aloe.

Claim 39 (currently amended): The method of ~~claim 35~~ claim 33, wherein the skin-wellness substance is Vitamin E.

Claim 40 (currently amended): The method of ~~claim 35~~ claim 33, wherein the skin-wellness substance is Cocoa Butter.

Claim 41 (original): The method of claim 33, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone comprises a surfactant and a skin wellness substance.

Claim 42 (original): The method of claim 33, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone is defined by an area that corresponds to a predetermined insult point or plurality of insult points.

Claim 43 (original): The method of claim 33, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone forms a shaped pattern or plurality of shaped patterns on the selectively-permeable topsheet to substantially correspond to an insult point or plurality of predetermined insult points.

Claim 44 (original): The method of claim 33, wherein the hydrophilic zone is positioned centrally in the transverse direction on the selectively-permeable topsheet.

Claim 45 (canceled)

Claim 46 (canceled)

Claim 47 (original): The method of claim 33, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone corresponds to a male insult point or range of male insult points on said selectively-permeable topsheet.

Claim 48 (original): The method of claim 47, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone is positioned centrally in the transverse direction and the forward most point on the hydrophilic zone is about 0 mm to about 35 mm from the front edge of the absorbent core.

Claim 49 (original): The method of claim 33, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone corresponds to a female insult point or range of female insult points on said selectively-permeable topsheet.

Claim 50 (original): The method of claim 49, wherein the treated hydrophilic zone is positioned centrally in the transverse direction and the forward most point on the hydrophilic zone is about 35 mm to about 55 mm from the front edge of the absorbent core.

Claim 51 (canceled)

Claim 52 (canceled)